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THIS ISSUE is being squeezed out under the old mailing rates I HOPE. If you get this with 11 sheets instead of 5, in late January instead of very early January, disregard that: I'll have missed it. This short issue, about the 4th or 5th such short one I ever put out, is a "clear the decks" issue, with virtually all the material carried over from number 79. Whether I'll be able to get it run off in time or not is something else again, but I'll give it my best shot.

The reverse of this sheet should contain the missing Fall 1910 season of my 1980D game. Only after printing #79 did I notice that I ran Spring 1910 and Spring 1911 without Fall 1910. The master turned up later after being misplaced. My apologies to the players (who I presume did notice? No one has mentioned it to date...). I wonder if anyone would notice if I dropped all the games altogether sometime, or reduced them all the way I have two PERILS OF PAULINA and one season of 80D of mine this time?

SERVICES OFFERED: I will print mailing labels for you from master forms I will provide and you fill in, for just over the cost of mailing them back to you when done, as long as I can do so here. Let me know. Also, I have two copies of Craig Reges' old novice packet left in case anyone is interested. The new one, a much larger and excellent one, is available from Bruce Linsey for 75%. These older ones are much smaller, but are free for the asking. I used to lend out my copy of the old Publisher's Handbook to any new or prospective publisher on request, but I lent it to somebody and never saw it come back that last time. I don't know where it is now. If any of you have it, I'd appreciate it if you would return it. I have one request for it here already, and I haven't the faintest idea of where it is. I'd appreciate it if anyone out there could find it and return it.

EMILY POST DEPT II: Bill Shaffer brought up a question some time ago that I was unable to give an answer to. I pose it to the readership then as a puzzle. Here's the situation: If you, like me, were a computer maintenance man, bugged all the time by curious customers looking over your shoulder, which of the two approaches to getting rid of them is the more subtle? 1. As you're stooped over working in the equipment and a curious customer or secretary or floor sweeper comes up and leans over behind you, you gather up all the strength that last night's Jalapeno peppers, Coors beer, and egg salad can provide, and cut one explosive BRONK that should make 'em lose the starch in their own shorts, and gag on their way out the room.... or 2. Just out a long, low, slow, silent and hot one that sneaks up on them just a moment before the silence is broken by the crackling of the paint peeling off the walls? Or? Fluff is equally expert at both (ask Pilant), so I can't make a recommendation on the basis of ability, so what do you, the readership, think would be the more preferable course?

PREDICTIONS are an area I should avoid. No sooner do I comment on how solid and steady a team the hated Steelers are, than they alone, of all even neo-contending teams, don't even make the playoffs. I was rooting for Houston and the Rams on this time, and look what it got them. I felt the Rams gave it a good try, but Houston deserved to lose. A sad performance, just too irregular. Maybe I should predict that the Vikings will win the Biggie, to assure that they fall in the next round for sure? The Eagles and Raiders are about the best this year, I think.

ERIC OZOG was listed as a non-publisher on issue or two back, but I find now that he does have a guest GM spot in the pages of "Bernie Oaklyn's" crooked LE FRONT. I don't know if you can honestly count something like that or not, but I thought I'd at least give credit where credit is due.

DAVE PILANT got up on early one morning I guess, and came past my office to talk about Cabinet appointments in the news, commenting that it was refreshing to see Mr Reagan appoint a long list of good, solid "white ringers". White ringers?

MARK HERCH brought up, among other good points, an argument in support of the Holocaust story that the Nazi defendants argued that they were obeying orders, not that it didn't happen. However, later I realized that this really applies to SOLDIERS who so argued; they were not accused of running concentration camps, but of things such as "waging aggressive warfare". Their real crime was that they were the bigwigs of the side that lost, and it wasn't a gentlemanly fight, so they were accused of anything and then promptly hung. I wonder—what was pleaded in the cases of lesser lights who really were accused of these exterminations? I'm not familiar with any, altho I vaguely remember the Eichmann business making headlines some years back. In his circumstances—being abducted, put on 'trial' by a country that didn't exist at the time of his crimes, etc—I don't think one could gather much. As I recall, he was executed promptly when the international community began raising questions about the legitimacy of the, uh, "procedures". Perhaps those involved more deeply with this could answer or elaborate on this point? The defenses offered by Keitel and Jodl and the like would have little relevance to the Holocaust stories. He has a lot of material from Mazurkiewicz on that in this issue.

FREE ADS: Your BRUTUS BULLETIN will print your ad here free if you trade/subscribes. Send it in and let me know. Almost anything goes. Also, don't forget that I have one last box of assorted dippines about ready to pack up and mail for \$3.50 ppd 4th class. Get a nice assortment of hobby kins for the cost of about 2/3s of a sub to one. And I have a bunch (8-9) old wargame kins too, \$2 ppd for the lot. Write editor.

EVERYTHING #46 is going to be superceded by #47 if I don't get that overview of it done and printed quick, so, here it comes:

This breakdown is based on 37 regular postal dipgames reported in #46, the zine of the Boardman Number Custodian Lee Kendler Sr. EVERYTHING is a best stat-zine published by Lee and printed up by Bob Sergeant, who also publishes ST GEORGE AND THE DRAGON. Analysis is based on the use of the Calhauer point system, whereby a win is counted as 1.0 pts, a three-way draw equals 1/3 of a point each, and so forth. The total of all points accumulated by each country in this way, based again on the 37 games reported, are as follows:

Austria, 4.27 England, 5.10 France, 3.82 Germany, 6.15 Italy, 2.48 Russia, 8.08 Turkey, 7.10
On the average, each country "should" have accumulated 5.29 points (37*7) if all things were equal. Clearly, they were not. Austria was a little below average, as one might expect; England is just a tad below average when I would have expected it to be a tad above. France, which is always one of, if not the most sought-after country, is WAY down. Germany continues to do quite well here, as it has done in about the last 3 or 4 issues, although I can't understand why. I hate playing Germany. Italy is as dismal as I would expect, while Russia is way above average, as I would also expect. I can't understand Turkey doing so well though, as Turkey has such limited options and is terribly boring to play. Taking the results above as a percentage of the 5.29 norm, we get this indication of how much each power is 'up' or 'down' from the average of all:

Austria, -19% England, -4% France, -28% Germany, +16% Italy, -53% Russia, +53% Turkey, +34%
One of the biggest surprises for me is the fact that half of the games ended in outright WINS, 18 out of the 37. As for finishes, irrespective of point value (that is, the number of times that a given power made it into any kind of a draw or win, compared to the total number of drawing or winning powers in all games) resulted in an average of 10.71. In other words, if all wins and draws, of whatever size, were spread evenly among the seven powers, each "should" have 10.71 parts of a win. The actual results were:

Austria, 9 England, 13 France, 8 Germany, 11 Italy, 8 Russia, 11 Turkey, 15
The only surprise there is the poor showing France made this time, making the end only 8 times, including 2 wins. England is above average, Turkey HAY above average, the others either average or just a little weak (Austria, Italy). Total wins for the others are, Austria 2, England 1, Germany 4(1), Italy 0, Russia 6, Turkey 3. Clearly, these results show that the hobby is going to hell fast, and it is all due to Dick Martin not being able to name his zen the same thing for two issues straight. Contributing items are the many novices coming in, and the pervasive incompetence fostered by a handful of sick GMs who pronounce seen as "zein". C'mon, Postal Dippy, shape up!

DIPLOMACY is a game invented by Alan Calhauer and copyrighted by the Avalon Hill Game Company of Baltimore, who charges you 12-15 dollars for the game when it is only \$9.95 on the shelf at Toys 'R' Us. Avalon Hill also produces RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN that Pilant will get the hang of one of these years (shortly after I run out of neat tricks to keep pulling on him); BATTLE OF THE BULGE that I just managed to stoop ol' Bill Shaffer's allies in on Monday; and other assorted games for people to play while the plumber stares incredulously at you for, while writing you up a \$37.37 bill for 4 minute's work changing a fixture in the upstairs bathroom. "Sure wish I could play games" he said to Fluff and I today. "Sure wish I could knock off \$40 for a 20 minute drive and 5 minute's work", I thought....

LATE NOTE: I now understand that postal rates won't change until about March 1, instead of the original January 1. All this scurrying for nothing. 'Nothing' other than getting out still another fast issue, anyway....

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RUSSIA SIGNING OFF AS E-G GAIN FOUR

Summer, 1910: German A Tyo r BOH; Russia, NRR! A Gal,
A Lvn r OTB

FALL, 1910

ENGLAND (Mitchell): A StP-MOS; F Bar-STPnc; F NWG, F ENG H; F Nwy-NTH; F Nat-MID;
A NAF S F Tyn-Tun; F Tyn-TUN; F Wes-LYO

GERMANY (Cummings): A Kie-MUN; F Bal-PRU; A GAL-Ukr; A Lvn-WAR; A SIL S A Lvn-War;
A BOH-Tyo; A PIE S A Boh-Tyo

ITALY (Grabar): A Tri-VIE; A VEN-Pie; A TYO S A Ven-Pie; F Rom-TUS; F Nap-ROM;
F Aeg-Smy/d/r Gre, Otb; A CON S F Aeg-Smy; F ION S English A
Naf-Tun/NSO

RUSSIA (Kirchner): ~~NM~~ A War H/ann.; A UKR, F BLA H

TURKEY (Becker): A ANK-Con; F SMY S F Eas-Aeg; F Eas-AEG

Possible COA: A recently received PERILS OF PAULINA reported Eric Kirchner as moving to 308 Enchanted Way, Del Rio, TX 78840. No word to me, though.

Winter, 1910 and SPRING, 1911 will be due with my mail received here SATURDAY, NOV 29, 1980. Press follows.

HMS Flaccid, Flagship of the Med Fleet: Due to the exertions of the past year's campaign, the high command has authorized leave for all. Tunis would be nice in winter...

HMS Truculent: Must show the flag, keep the froggies quiet.

To Mr E/G Grind: You're no fun anymore. I want to see blood. Classical stabs. Come on, live a little—kill each other.

GREETINGS: Due to the outcome of the recent elections, all Diplomacy players will register at their local Post Office for the Daft set up for the State Dept. Vacancies in Iran, Nicaragua, Cuba, China and/or China must and will be filled yesterday. Also desperately need a non-white diplomat for South Africa (and quota purposes).

STP: His Royal Highness extends his thanks to our royal cousin Nikky, for the use of his little country house. It is a bit, er, "primitive", but will do nicely for our fall frolic.

LON-ANKARA: Hello? Hello? Are you there? Hmm, looks like he's hung it up, or could it be, "stuck it in???", or even "blown it off"?

CURIOUS-ANKARA: Diplomacy stops when people stop writing letters. Have you written any letters recently? How many have you received, and not replied to?

DEAR CURIOUS: The game is to gain everyone else's cooperation in order to win. For my allies I have played the game.

TURKEY: Both Italy and Russia have recently announced their plans to adopt the American holiday known as Thanksgiving. Pass the kraut, please.

DAVEY: Heard about your medical problem, at first I wanted to extend my condolences, but then I heard you brought it upon yourself. Next time get your samples out of your own bathroom instead of your front yard.

1910:

E: Home Nwy Swe Bel Bre Spa Por STP MOS TUN

G: Home Hol Den Par Mar WAR

I: Home Bud Tri Vie Ser Gre Bul Con

R: ~~S/P~~ ~~M/S~~ Sev ~~War~~ RumT: Ank Con ~~Tun~~

12 +3

8 +1

10 +1 (was 2 sht, now 1 sht)

2 3 ann., even

2 -1

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THE PERILS OF PAULINA
(as featured in the
Brutus Bulletin)

ISH 27 WHERE ARE YOU?

GM NOTE: Hello again. Remember me? There has been a slight delay in this game due to the fact that I lost the last issue and couldn't remember the WOB/SO9 deadline, so I felt I should play it safe. Sorry for any inconvenience this might have caused. Also, since Howe NMRed, I'm plotting his position from memory. Please make any necessary corrections, though I believe I have it right.

Winter 1908: Austria builds A Vienna; Germany builds A Kiel

Spring 1909:

AUSTRIA(Fuchs): A Vie-BOH; A TYO S A Vie-Boh; A SIL S TURKISH A War;
A PIE-Mar; A Rom-NAP; A Rum-UKR

FRANCE(Hows): NMR. A GAS, BUR H; F MAR, MID B; F Spa(sc) H/d/r to Par, Otb

GERMANY(Kirchner): F ENG S FRENGH P Mid; A LON H; F Hel-NTN; A NUN-
SIL; A BER S A Mun-Sil; A PRU S A Nun-Sil; A KIE-Mun; A RUH
S A Kie-Nun; F BAL S A Pru; A LVN H; A STP S A Lvn

ITALY(CD): P Nap H/d/destroyed

TURKEY(Mooney): A MOS S A War; A WAR S AUSTRIAN A Sil; A GAL S AUS-
TRIAN A Sil; A SEV S A Mos; A GRE H; P ION S AUSTRIAN A Rom-Nap;
F Tyn-WES; F Wes-SPA(sc); P LYX S F Wes-SPA(sc); F NAP-Mid

So, the eastern alliance continues to progress due to a costly NMR by France, which Gary seldom does. I hope you continue, Gary. If you do, I'll throw SOG to you, OK? It's the least I can do, eh?

Eric, your SO9 orders took five days to arrive (dated November 29, arrive December 3), not counting Sunday.

France's retreat and Fall 1909 orders will be due Monday, January 5, 1981. Happy Holidays, y'all.

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THE PERILS OF PAULINA
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NORTHERN LOSSES JOLT RUSSIA;
KRAUTS VIE FOR ALLIES

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Autumn 1905: Austria retreats A Bulgaria to Serbia

Winter 1905: Austria builds A Budapest; Italy removes F Spain(sc); Turkey builds A Constantinople

Spring 1906:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A Vie-GAL; A BUO & A SIL S A Vie-Gal; F TUN S
ITALIAN P Ion; A SER S A Gre; A GRE H

ENGLAND (Kirohner): F Ska-SWE; F Nwg-NWY; P NTH S F Nwg-Nwy

FRANCE (Bricken): NMR. A Bre H/d/r to Par, Otb; A Gas H/d/r to Par,
Spa, Otb

GERMANY (Grabar): A PIC S ITALIAN F Mid-Bre; A BUR S ITALIAN A Mar-
Gas; A Nun-BER; A Bel-RUH; F DEN S ENGLISH F Ska-Swc; F Hel-KIE

ITALY (Henry): F ION H; F Mid-BRE; F Wes-MID; A Mar-GAS; A Tyo-BOH;
A Pis-TYO

RUSSIA (Goodrich): F RUM S F Hla; F HLA S F Rum; F Swe S A Nwy/d/r to
Bel, Bot, Otb; A Nwy R F Swe/d/r to StP, Otb; A StP-PIN; A War-
PRU; A Gal-UKR

TURKEY (Petrie): A CON S A Bul; A BUL S RUSSIAN F Rum; F EAS-Ion;
F AEG S F Eas-Ion

This was, by far, the bloodiest season to date. So much can happen from this position that I don't even want to begin to get into it. So I won't.

So, let's see the French and Russian retreats and Fall 1906 with my mail received on Friday, January 9, 1981.

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PRESS

HARLEN COUNTY, USA: Here comes the union. God save the union. God save the union. The Black Press Writers Union. Sing it, you little mutters...

Somewhere, our union is writing
Writing disgusting black press
For you and me

In the good old U.S.A.

GON-BOS OLSEN: Why don't you get a supply of OXY-5000 and rub it on that big zit between your shoulders? It takes a monumental asshole to attack someone in a game you are not in. Why don't you go bugger another cow, or whatever you KS people do for thrills.

ROME-ROB THE BOOS OSUCH: Get out of our game? We can criticize anyone we want, and you Osuch, since when did we vote on letting outsiders send in press?

RUSSIA-OLESON: As Winston Churchill put it, "A man's mouth and his dong are quite similar. He sticks both into places they don't belong."

PERLMUTTER-OLSEN: This is a black press game! Osuch is writing all this press.

LON-OLSEN: Hey you! Go lick George Brett's 'roids. Who asked you to (pardon the expression) butt into our game.

BERLIN: Berlin announced today that it wants peace with every member of the board. Yet, I feel the edge of a knife from Italy. I hope it is only an unwarranted fear!

MERION-CHICAGO: Wish a happy Christmas to the other six? Wait a minute, Michalski told me this was an all Jewish game. You mean I'm playing with a bunch of goys? Oy vey, how will I explain this to the Rabbi?

DAVE PERLMUTTER PRESENTS GREAT MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF BOB OSUCH: Dec. 7th, 1941. While forces of the Imperial Japanese Navy bomb Pearl Harbor, Bob is sitting in his Sunday School class. He is daydreaming. The teacher asks him to stand up. Bob starts crying. The dis is set. Bob will grow up to be a crybaby.

HARLEN COUNTY, USA: The Houston Oilers, the Houston Oilers, the Houston Oilers are #1. But did you get a load of their cheerleaders? I'm in love.

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THE BIGGER THEY COME, THE READIER THEY QUIT.

Summer, 1911: Italian A Tyo r TRI

FALL, 1911:

ENGLAND (H/1/1/1/1/1): Resigns; A MOS, EDI, NAP; F NAT, MIO, BAR, NWO, NTH, ENG,
WES, TUN, LYX U.H.

GERMANY (Cummings): A UKR S English A Mos-Sev/NSO; A SIL-BOH; A GAL S A Boh-Vie;
A Boh-VIE; A TYO-TRI; A PIE-MAR; A Kie-HOL; F Bal-DEN

ITALY (Oraber): A Con-SMY; F EAS S A Con-Say; F Bulsc-CON; F Tus-TYN; F ION & F ROM
S F Tus-Tyn; A TRI S A Ven; A VEN U,N; A Vie-BUD

RUSSIA (Kirchner): F HLA-Ank; A Rum-SEV

TURKEY (Becker): F Smv-Con/d/r Ags, Syr, Otb; A ANK S F Smv-Con

1911: E: Nome Nwy Swa	Bel Bre Spa For StP Mos Tun	12	Even
O: Home Nol Den Par Nar War	VIE	9	Build. 1
I: Home Bud Tri Y/1 Ser Bul Gre Con SHY		10	was 1 short, builds 1
R: Sev Rum		2	even
T: Ank	44	1	Removes 1
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For reasons I won't comment on, Mr Mitchell has resigned. Would KERRY BLANT, P O Box 263, Decatur, IL 62525, please consider assuming the English position? For the record, I need to point out that Kerry may decline the position if he wishes, without hurting his record. Even at #1, so why not try though, hey? So far it has been a game of E-O rolling in on I-R who in turn are wiping out T. Still an open game.

Due to the considerable importance of our change in cast, plus the holidays, SPRING, 1912 will not be due here until my mail received at home WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1981. Press follows: (This is a black press game, Terry)

CON-ROM: OK Dave, you can have the Balkans. Now how about that game-long alliance? ROME: If England doesn't stab THIS time, I will be convinced of an E/O alliance and agree to an E/O draw.

DAVID D. PERLMUTTER (Extremism in Defense of Liberty) Merion, PA 19066

In a recent issue of Analog Sci-Fi/Science Fact the editor Stanley Schmidt talks about "crackpots". That is those people with theories which go against the popular conceptions of the times. He points out that there are "crackpots" and there are crackpots. The former being sensible people who have a legitimate grievance against a well-known theory and their disagreement is based on observable facts. Then they are crackpots, real nut cases who fling out their outrageous theories regardless of such mundane things as facts. Whenever you point out the cracks in their wild postulations they hide behind the old boogie-man of "look at me I'm being oppressed for me beliefs" I tend to think the "Anti-Exterminationists" are such people.

As for Baumeister, not much to say. He attacks me all the time in Egnoc, then gets mad when I playfully strike back in mine. I would like to point out that I never was, or never will be prejudiced against any ethnic group (except Democrats) If anyone took the time to notice in my original letter in Egnoc I simply said many jews still dislike Germans. I also said this was an emotional feeling with no basis in facts. This of course got me into trouble. For Baumeister appears to be one of those people who cannot understand anything unless it is spelled out for him. I do not think all Germans are assholes-Just Konrad. If anyone has read Goodbye Columbus you will find a great similarity between the character of Sheldon Grossbart and Mr. Baumeister. Grossbart is a walking steryotype of a jew, greedy, whining the whole bit. But mostly he hides behind his race, anybody who does not agree with him he accuses as being anti-Semitic. Baumeister hides behind his German ancestry in the same way. Which is too bad since people like that tend to re-inforce the steryotype. In any case I don't want to get into any further discussions with him in or out of BB, I'm sure when he goes through college he'll acquire the ability to tell when people are kidding (as in my letter in the fake). For his sake at least. But just to set the record straight. I do not sanction the killing of any human beings (again democrats being the exception) be they Jews, arabs, Germans, Martians, creatures from the black lagoon, whatever. Finally I would like to point out that I have not been "writing all over the hobby" about how Germans are assholes. I have not written anyone about how Konrad is an asshole either. Just once I'd like him to use some facts. Any way the press in EDL which was anti-Baumeister was not written by me, since it is a black press game I won't publically say who wrote it but if you want John I'll send you the original writers copy and then you can relate the fact I did not write to Mr. Baumeister. I hope that is the end of this matter. If it makes Grossbart happy I'll print no more anti-Baum press anymore?

Back to the Con-Camps. You are right. History can only be accurate when everyone involved is dead. So expect the first objective stuff about the holocaust to appear some time around the end of the century.

Where has all the humor in this hobby gone? BE is the only zine left which is pure entertainment. Everything I read now is a conflict. Alas Osuch, Martin, Mills, Masters, Del Grande you and I are the only ones left with senses of humor. Can't anyone take a joke anymore? Masters did a good job on PEXRL n'est pas? Even you seem more sour than you used to. Catholics, I'll never understand them. (NOTE: TO ALL BAUMEISTERS THAT LAST SENTENCE WAS A JOKE! A JEST! A HUMOROUS BARB MADE IN FUN! IT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWPOINTS OF DDP, RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTITIVES OF OPPOSING VIEWPCINTS CAN DROP DEAD)

Boardman kicked me out of G for helping in the fake of BB. It was that junglebunny Masters who gave me away.

COPT'D

Well I find I have more to say. In last issue Dave Carter said he was getting tired of the profane press. I think I now agree with that. I assume he means " You goddam cocksucking" whatever type of stuff not " Bob Osuch walks into a bar and..." Dirty jokes are OK.

Being a GM is a lot like being a father. For the first month it's wonderful, then you pray to god the kid leaves home/the game ends. I applaude anyone (even Konrad) who can adjudicate ten games without error. I have trouble enough with just one.

I don't know who won the Heisman trophy yet. My choice is Hershel Walker, he is by far the best athlete in a long time- since Earl Cambell. Any pro team that gets him is in great shape. If he had been healthy the winner would be Jarvis Redwine. He has a kind of name that sticks in your mind when you fill out a ballot. As for the pro's I am always amazed at how the Rams never play up to potential. Sometimes they go out and hold people to -12 yds gained sometimes they play dead. Bet they'll still win the big one though.

((I'd say it is looking more and more like the Eagles year. It was good to see Houston beat down the Steelers last night though, 6-0. A dull sounding game, but one I enjoyed watching all the way through.

On the black press, no, don't send it to me. It is priveleged here; no one but you and the submitter should know whodunit.

On the camps, Mazurkiewicz should have some more stuff in this issue if I can get it retyped. I'll try, as it is pretty decent.

On Konrad, he ran a commentary on the matter in the EGGNOG I received the day before I got your letter above. It has both a beer review and a blast at you. I want to run both, but maybe only one will make it. After the above, maybe it will be the blast...)) J.M.

ANOTHER PERLMUTTER LETTER

Just an add-on to my last letter. According to your argument that the validity of an idea is shown by how much it is persecuted—then Velikovskiy was right, Venus came from outside the solar system. Von Danniken was right, Christ was a Boogie-man from outer space, and of course Oaklyn is right, God loves the good, etc.... And what the hell does the DIARY OF ANNE FRANK have to do with whether or not there were extermination camps? You see how far these i diots will go? Next they'll tell us the Nazis were all good, and that no Jews or anybody else was killed in WWII. Hell, why not go all the way—Jews started WWII!

What persecution? That INSTITUTE FOR HISTORICAL REVIEW publishes that junk. Hell, I even saw John Irving's book reviewed in TIME. Just because it's not a million-copy best-seller doesn't mean it's being suppressed. My college text is chock-full of Elmer Barnes stuff!

See, I can get all huffy and serious too. But don't want to overdo it, so I'll end with a joke or two:

When the prez of the US dies, he goes to heaven and God welcomes him and puts him in a small hut with no comforts. Then a lawyer arrives and God sets him up in a luxurious suite. The prez asks, " Hey, I don't understand, how come he get's such good treatment?" God replies "Well, he's the first lawyer who made it here!"

((The persecution/suppression did not refer to Irving, who is doing pretty well, but who also spends little time on the matter aside from noting the lack of evidence supporting the Holocaust story. Rather, the treatment of Butz' book, and Rassinier, and others such as WENN ALLE BRUDER SCHWEIGEN and that ilk were the examples. I never heard of any Elmer Barnes; who is/was he?)) J.M.

Hmmm, space left again. Here are a few quick notes: WARNING! I publish a dipzine! I print letters! So if you happen to write, do NOT be surprised if it sees print. I edit only game stuff and the trivial junk, and not always all of that. So if you write and don't want it printed, you will have to SAY SO. Otherwise, just write an answer in the NEXT letters column!

ROBERT SACKS (Hansard)
(excerpt)

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One correction: I was not aware Kendter's project collapsed, since I'm running it now. I asked him for permission to take over the regular listings from him—I was already doing the other games.

((I didn't know he OKed any transfer of function. It seemed to me he just dropped it. The big difference is that Lee waited for pubbers to contact him rather than dig it out himself as you are doing. Makes a big difference; I appreciate it.))

RON MAZURKIEWICZ
(excerpts from three letters)

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Inclosed are some partial letters which never seemed to get finished exactly, or mailed off to you. I am also sending under seperate cover a littla present for Christmas, a copy of Rassiniers book, The Drama of the European Jewa. In this delightful Christmas offering he tries to prove that Hitler obviously didn't exterminate the Jews since most of them were still there at the end of the war. He has some good points, at laast enough to make one suspicious of the published statistics; but I detect one major flaw in his arguments. I would be interested in seeing if you come up with the same point after your reading of the book. Please let me know.

Also inclosed is a copy of Hitler's biorhythms! Prepared at taxpayers expense at the Great Lakes Naval Training Stations computer by a friend of ~~Franklin D. Roosevelt~~. If they only knew in the Pentagon.

It seems like ^I am fixated on the Jewish Question, but that is only because I have been getting hold of some interesting material on the subject recently. I just got the CIA report which made the news last year with its aerial photos of Auschwitz taken in 1944 and another book by Raasinier, which I think is a real block buster, about his experiences in Buchenwald and Dora, the V-2 slave labor factory.

The CIA report is more provocative then informative. They have photos taken on four dates in the summer of 1944 when the Hungarian Jewa were supposed to be getting it. Photos taken during the high point of the extermination. There is even a photo of a train pulled in the station at Birkenau, people walking along the track heading for either their bath and delousing or gassing. The gate to the showers or gas chamber is open. The act, whichever it is, is actually in process. And we can't tell one way or the other from the photos. Its fascinating yet frustrating. Photo-graphic evidence lays on the table right before me, yet doesn't seem to help. The only evidence one way or the other I think the photos show is the fact, noted in the report itself, that while "eyewitnesses" reported that the crematoria helched smoke and fire day and night, on the four seerate days that photos exist there is no smoke. How interesting. Also, although it certainly is not hard evidence one way or the other, I was a bit amazed at the size of the barracks complex at Birkenau. The photos of 1944 show hundreds of barracks which housed I believe 50 to a hundred people, and more are under construction. Since this is s'posed to be the one part of the entire Auschwitz complex where people were actually being gassed right off the trains, why all of the barracks? There shouldn't be any need for that many if you only last half a day at

Mazurkiewicz ("mazz-er-KAY-wits"), continued

Birkenau. The Nazi version claimed that this part of the camp was where they sent those who were too sick to work in the rest of the camp. Considering the treatment the Germans gave everyone, that would be enough to explain a lot of people going there and never coming back, even if the Germans were not purposely exterminating them. Again we can look at the example of Solzhnitsyn and the GULAG camps. No one is gassing them there, but look at how they died like flies, of neglect and casual, unsystematic brutality.

An important section of the book by Rassinier is about his own experiences. He says the camps were run primarily by the prisoners themselves. At Treblinka, according to a Jewish book I recently read, there were only 80 SS men assigned to the entire camp! Hardly enough to do more than act as high level supervisors. Rassinier says it was that way at Buchenwald. The camp was run and supervised by the prisoners themselves. The SS provided the bare necessities and allowed the prisoners to administer the allocation amongst themselves. Incidentally, this is the system spoken about even in your New York friend's letter. ((I think he means Mark Berch's here. It appeared in BB)) As he gets the story from his mother in law, and as we have gotten it in countless books written by survivors, all of the cruelty is carefully calculated and planned by the SS. According to a perceptive educated individual who was not part of this trustee system, most of the cruelty and suffering was the fault of the trustees, not the SS. The SS didn't plan it; they just didn't care if the enemies of the Reich lived or died. He states in his book, the feeling of the SS was: we give them enough to eat and wear (all that they deserve) and look what they do. Just like the subhumans they are, they cheat and abuse their own kind. This is of course the same phenomena which Solzhenitsyn speaks of in the Soviet GULAG camps. Millions died because the authorities just didn't care, and human inefficiency and greed, cruelty, etc. was allowed to run rampant. We have just seen a repeat with the Cuban exiles. Even when run with good intent, a "concentration camp" has again bred abuse and torture and suffering.

I would advise you to pick up a couple of these things if you are interested in the subject. I am especially amazed that since Butz's book has come out, there has been no rebuttal beyond just saying "Racist—don't read him" from the Jewish and liberal community. I would like to see someone address the specific questions Butz and Rassinier raise. Or are they right? I will have more about Rassinier in my next letter concerning the two conclusions pertaining to the genocide issue he draws from his experiences.

...Even in a little trip to New York like this one, ((name deleted)) still found out what that city is like. On a cab ride, his cabby had to get out with a baseball bat to fight another driver that was cutting their cab off and harrassing them. Just like the German language translation of "Kojak", "Einsatz in Manhattan".

Now that I have a job which enables me to goof on someone else's time, I am doing a little wargame research again. Right now some friends are interested in playing the S&T ARNHEM game, with completely new rules. I am in the process of doing research on company and platoon level tactics for the game, and finding out, as usual, that wargamers have it all wrong. First of all, I am surprised to find that in an attack seen from the tactical level, the big problem is getting as wide a front as possible, not to concentrate forces into the smallest possible sector. Finding maneuvering room is the first requirement

STILL FOR SALE: Assorted Wargame zines, (zines Steve, not just Wargames as the ad came out), no Generals or S&Ts, about 9, all ppd for \$2. Get them for a friend. Or enemy. Just take them off my hands... Write editor.

SOMEONE ASKED..."What's an Aggie? Well, an Aggie is a person attending an agricultural type college, or one either specializing or having a reputation as, a Cow University. Such students are considered as not quite in the Mensan class. Okla State U, or Texas A&M are the biggest around here. In BRUTUS BULLETIN, what would appear as a "Pollock joke" anywhere else comes out as an Aggie joke here.

Mazurkiewicz, conclusion

on this level. A typical German panzer division attack frontage is 3000 yards which represents ONE battalion attacking and the others following in column. To narrow the front makes one attack targets frontally, and get shot down. When we hear of whole corps attacking on one mile fronts, etc., what this means in reality is couple of battalions in action at one time, with the rest of the forces waiting in column to replace losses or to exploit if a breakthrough occurs. Only the Russians are stupid or forced to pack whole divisions into narrow sectors. They also suffered the result of getting themselves slaughtered in frontal assaults when they did so, didn't they?

I am a bit surprised to what a limited extent knowledge of tactical rules and weapons effects has been recorded by historians. I can really see that in a couple of hundred years, as little will be known of infantry or armor or fighter dogfighting tactics as we now know of Roman legionary tactics. The invention of printing doesn't do much good if no one is bothering to record the information. The professional historian doesn't soil his ignorant mind with such crass information, and the professional military man either doesn't deign to inform the "civilians" of such secret knowledge or else is so blase about these facts that he isn't aware that everyone doesn't know how to use a mortar.

Just recently I found a book called "If Germany Attacks" which is a study of German WWI tactics. The author covers the big battles from Loos on, telling what the Germans thought they were doing when they set up their defenses and the theory of handling reserves and counter-attacks, etc. during the battle. The difference is simply astounding between a book of such an analytical approach and the gosh-gee-whiz-type of anecdotal history we usually get. Such histories are written of course because the author has no idea of what each sides leaders were really doing during the course of the battle, is ignorant of tactics, and of weapons capabilities. ((A friend)) recently found a review of some recent book where the reviewer noted that histories of armies in peace time are more prevalent than histories of armies in action. Sociological studies are of course so much easier to research than combat.

*** I noticed the article about equipment readiness. Did you see any of the latest reports about the IQ scores and skill testing the Army released a couple of months ago? ((Yes)) For each combat arm skill, only 20% or less of the troops were able to score 70% or better. They also revealed that due to "errors", 46% of the Army recruits came from the lowest 30% on Army IQ tests. How nice. An Army of dummies who can't even operate their own weapons. The Soviets get better while we go down hill

I am entering the next phase of my job here. One calculated to make me very popular. I am in charge of investigating cases of patient abuse. I just completed my first investigation yesterday of a fellow who has reportedly beat up patients and thrown one down a flight of stairs. I have been warned that if I would find anything on him, I'd have to worry about getting the same treatment myself. Hmm? What is this, "On the Waterfront"? Or a Teamster company? A lot more exciting than accounting, John.

((Uh, that's OK. Reading such as the above makes it look better. As you pointed out early on, once you get into a little 'supervision' instead of being just another glorified (or not-so-glorified) clerk, it makes it a lot nicer. Oh, there are a few workaholics around to show you what not to become by way of example, or more likely, what one alternative is to a bad marriage, but by and large, real people in such positions tend to alter the job into one of "assigning" all real tasks to others and "training" them rather than concentrating on doing much (or anything) themselves. Our former Office Manager was like that: a perfect example of someone who was 'assigned' every dirty job in the company, who turned right around and created jobs where necessary to provide him with places to dump off all work in turn. He wound up as taking his IN basket and sorting it to various desks for work downward, or taking completed projects and handing them back upwards to the requester with explanation as results to their inquiries/assignments. He got a chance at a big leap upwards and left the system about a year ago. Set a good example though, I thought))

J.M.

GOD AND THE SOLDIER
WE ADORE
IN TIME OF DANGER
NOT BEFORE

THE DANGER PASSED
AND ALL THINGS RIGHTED
GOD IS FORGOTTEN
AND THE SOLDIER SLIGHTED



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LONE STAR DIPLOMAT announces the opening of nominations for official Diplomacy Hobby Mascot for 1981!

For too long we've been talking about a mascot--now it's time to do something about it. To streamline the election process, I am soliciting nominations from publishers only (others who wish to nominate must find a publisher as a sponsor).

Nominations must be received here by 1 February 1981. You may include a short (not more than 50 words) nominating "speech" and a black-and-white illustration of the candidate, not larger than 3" x 5" in size.

Upon expiration of the nominating deadline, LSD will send you a list of the nominees and their elections materials which you may publicize in your zine. Voting procedures will be outlined in the election pocket, but briefly, each person may vote for 1 candidate, and election deadline will be in late March.

Please publicize this election. It will mean so much to all of us to have a hobby mascot with which to identify.

Thanks,

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DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE AGGIE WHO

Spent four days in Sears looking for wheels for a miscarriage

Looked in a lumber yard for the draft board

Took his expectant wife to the grocery store because they had free delivery

Took a roll of toilet paper to a crap game

Put iodine on his paycheck because he got a cut in pay

Was so lazy that he married a pregnant woman

Was feeling so low that he got his face slapped

Lost his girlfriend cause he couldn't remember where he laid her

Thought asphalt was rectum trouble

Called his girlfriend "Tapioca" because she could be made in a minute

Thought his typewriter was pregnant because it missed a period

Wouldn't go out with his wife because she was a married woman

Wore a union suit because his wife was having labor pains

Thought "No Kidding" meant birth control

Thought "Peter Pan" was something to put under the bed

Thought a sanitary belt was a drink from a clean glass

Thought Moby Dick was a venereal disease --

Who smelled good only on the right side, cause he didn't know where to buy
left guard

Studied for five days to take a urine test

Bought his wife a washer and drier for Christmas -- it was a douche bag and towel

Went into the outhouse, put one leg in each hole and shit in his pants

Thought a mushroom was a place to neck

Who's wife farted in her pantyhose and blew her sneakers off

Definition of a maniac-- an Aggie in a whore house with a credit card

Worked in a Kotex factory and thought he was making mattresses for mice

Wore a diaper to a party because he was a party pooper

Thought he had the world by the hand, until he found a hole in his pocket